GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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. FRUIT PROCESSING INDUSTRY IN N.E. STATES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any fruit processing industry has been set up in North-Eastern States including Sikkim during the last two years till date; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TH. CHAOBA SINGH)

(a) to (b): Department of Food Processing Industries does notset up any unit on its own. Under the Plan Schemesof the Department of Food Processing industries financial assistance in the form of soft loan and grant-in-aid is provided to Private Sector Industries, Non-Governmental Organizations,Cooperatives, Public Sector Undertakings, Human Resources Development Institutions etc. for the development of processed food sector including Fruit &Vegetable Processing. During the period 1998-99 & 1999- 2000, financial assistance of Rs. 5.98 Crores was provided to the Fruit & Vegetable Processing Projects in the North East & Sikkim.